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STANDARDS FOR FARM PRODUCTS

FORMULATED BY THE

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A MANDATORY STANDARD may be defined as an official standard the use of which is compulsory in the conditions specified by the law under which that standard is promulgated; for instance, the Official Grain Standards of the United States for wheat are compulsory for such grain when shipped by grade in interstate commerce, according to the U.S. Grain Standards Act.

A PERMISSIVE STANDARD as here used may be defined as a standard which has been worked out and recommended officially for optional use. Such permissive standards are used by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in such lines of work as inspection and market news. Permissive standards are often adopted by States as mandatory under certain conditions.

A TENTATIVE STANDARD as here used may be defined as a standard that is still subject to investigation by the Department of Agriculture, that is offered for use under commercial conditions to test its practicability or as a basis for discussion. Such a tentative standard may later become either a permissive or a mandatory standard, according to circumstances.

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(Revised to September, 1929)

MANDATORY STANDARDS

Under U. S. Cotton Futures Act and U. S. Cotton Standards Acts:

Cotton:

Grade and Color:

Upland:

White grades. Promulgated 1914; revised 1923; partially rev. 1924. Yellow tinged, yellow stained, and blue stained colors: Promulgated 1916; rev. 1923.

Gray, spotted and light stained. Promulgated 1922.

Extra white. Promulgated 1926, effective 1927; rev. 1929, effective 1930.

American Egyptian (grade and color). Promulgated 1918; rev. 1923;

discontinued 1925 when the 1918 standards were reestablished; rev. 1929, effective 1930.

Sea Island (grade and color). Promulgated 1918; discontinued 1925.

Length of staple. Promulgated 1918; original representations rev. 1925; and 1928, effective 1929.

(Note: S. R. A. 92 and S. R. A. 117 (Agri. Econ.) contain descriptions of all cotton standards now in force.)

American Cotton Linters:

Grade: Promulgated 1925, effective 1926.

(See S. R. A. 94 (Agr. Econ.)

Color: Promulgated 1927, effective 1928.

(See S. R. A. 109 (Agr. Econ.)

Under U. S. Grain Standards Act.

Grain:

Shelled Corn. Promulgated 1916; rev. 1918; amended 1921, 1924.

Wheat. Promulgated 1917; rev. 1918; amended 1921, 1922, 1924.

Oats. Promulgated 1919; amended 1924, 1925, 1928.

Rye. Promulgated 1923; amended 1924.

Grain Sorghums. Promulgated 1924.

Feed Oats. Promulgated 1925.

Mixed Feed Oats. Promulgated 1925.

Barley. Promulgated 1926, and amended 1927.

(Handbook U.S.G.S.A. 90 contains descriptions of these standards.)

MANDATORY STANDARDS (Cont.)

Under U. S. Standard Container Acts of 1916 and 1928.

Containers:

Climax baskets. Promulgated 1916.

Berry boxes. Promulgated 1916.

Till baskets. Promulgated 1916.

(See S. R. A. 104 (Agr. Wcon.)

Hampers. Promulgated 1928.

Round stave baskets (including straight size baskets). Promulgated 1928.

Splint or market baskets. Promulgated 1928.

(See S. R. A. 116 (Agr. Econ.)

Under U. S. Warehouse Act:

(Note: When storing any commodity, for grades of which United States standards have been officially promulgated or devised for the purpose, such standardized grades must be used if the warehouse receipt states the grade. In the absence of official or standardized grades, the Department approves such grades for use by licensed warehousemen as seem best to meet the needs.)

Under Tobacco Stocks and Standards Act: (For reporting stocks of leaf tobacco)

Tobacco. Classification of leaf tobacco. Promulgated 1929.

(Mimeographed circular)

FERMISSIVE STANDARDS

Used in services offered under annual appropriation acts covering inspection of fruits, vegetables, hay, and other perishable farm products (shipping point and market inspection); used in extension and demonstration work:

Beans, dry edible (19 classes). Recommended 1926.

(Handbook of U. S. Standards for Beans, H.F.S. 751)

Beans, Butternut. Recommended 1928.

(Multigraphed circular)

Broomcorn. Recommended 1926; rev. 1927.
(Mimeographed circular.)

Butter. Recommended 1918.
(See S.R.A. 51 (Markets)

Cheese American (whole milk). Recommended 1922. (See Office of Secretary Cir. 157.)

Eggs Recommended 1923; rev. 1925; rev. 1929.
(Mimeographed circular.)

PERMISSIVE STANDARDS (Cont.)

Fruits and Vegetables (including Honey and Peanuts.)

Apples, barreled. Recommended 1918; rev. 1924, 1926, 1928.

(See S. R. A. 93 (Agr. Econ.) Amend. 9.)

Apples, cannery for sauce purposes. Recommended 1929.

Apples, cannery for slicing purposes. Recommended 1929.

Apricots. Recommended 1928.

Artichokes. Recommended 1926.

Asparagus. Recommended 1922; rev. 1925, 1927.

Beans, string (wax or green). Recommended 1924; rev. 1927.

Beets, bunched. Recommended 1924; rev. 1926, 1927.

Cabbage. Recommended 1922; rev. 1924, 1928.

Cantaloupes. Recommended 1924; rev. 1926, 1927.

Carrots, bunched. Recommended 1924; rev. 1925, 1926, 1927.

Carrots, topped. Recommended 1926; rev. 1928.

Cauliflower. Recommended 1922; rev. 1925.

Celery. Recommended 1922; rev. 1925, 1928.

Cherries, sweet. Recommended 1926; rev. 1927.

Citrus Fruits, Florida. Recommended 1923; rev. 1924, 1926, 1927, 1929.

Citrus Fruits, California and Arizona, Recommended 1929.

Citrus Fruits, Texas, Recommended 1929.

Corn, green. Recommended 1926; rev. 1927.

Cucumbers. Recommended 1922; rev. 1927.

Dewberries and Blackberries. Recommended 1926; rev. 1928.

Eggplant. Recommended 1925.

Endive or Escarole or Chicory. Recommended 1928.

Garlic. Recommended 1927.

Grapes, American, eastern type bunch. Recommended 1925; rev. 1926, 1928, 1929.

Grapes, table. Recommended 1924; rev. 1926, 1927, 1928, 1939.

Grapes, juice. Recommended 1923; rev. 1926, 1927, 1928, 1979.

Grapes, packed in sawdust or other packing material. Recommended 1925;

rev. 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929.

Honey. Recommended 1927.

(See Cir. 24.)

Honey Daw and Honey Ball Melons. Recommended 1927.

Lettuce. Recommended 1922; rev. 1926.

Mushrooms. Recommended 1928.

Mustard Greens. Recommended 1928.

Okra. Recommended 1928.

Onions, Bermuda. Recommended 1918; rev. 1925, 1927.

Onions, Creole. Recommended 1926.

Onions, Northern grown. Recommended 1920; rev. 1925, 1928.

Peaches. Recommended 1922; rev. 1924.

Peanuts, farmers' stock Jumbo type. Recommended 1926; rev. 1928.

Peanuts, runner, bunch, or mixed type, farmers' stock. Recommended 1926; rev. 1928.

Peanuts, farmers' stock White Spanish. Recommended 1924; rev. 1925, 1928.

Peanuts, white shelled Spanish. Recommended 1923; rev. 1925.

Peanuts, runner. Recommended 1925; rev. 1925.

Pears. Recommended 1924; rev. 1925.

Peas, fresh. Recommended 1926.

Peppers, sweet. Recommended 1923; rev. 1929.

Pineapples. Recommended 1924.

Plums and Prunes. Recommended 1923; rev. 1926.

PERMISSIVE STANDARDS (Cont.)

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Potatoes. Recommended 1917; rev. 1926, 1927.
         (See S.R.A. 93 (Agr. Econ.) Amend. 5)
  Potatoes, sweet. Recommended 1920; rev. 1926.
  Radishes, bunched, Recommended 1926.
  Romaine. Recommended 1928.
  Shallots, bunched. Recommended 1927.
  Spinach. Recommended 1925; rev. 1925, 1927.
  Strawberries. Recommended 1918; rev. 1926, 1928.
  Tomatoes, cannery. Recommended 1923; rev. 1926.
 Tomatoes, fresh. Recommended 1922; rev. 1925, 1929
  Turnip Greens. Recommended 1928.
  Turnips, bunched, Recommended 1924; rev. 1927.
  Watermelons. Recommended 1923; rev. 1925.
          (Mimeographed circulars unless otherwise stated.)
Hay:
 Timothy and clover hay. Recommended 1922; promulgated 1925; rev. 1927, 1929.
  Alfalfa and alfalfa mixed hav. Promulgated 1925: rev. 1927, 1929.
 Prairie hav. Promulgated 1925: rev. 1927, 1929.
 Johnson and Johnson mixed hay. Promulgated 1925; rev. 1927, 1929.
 Grass hay. Promulgated 1927; rev. 1929.
 Mixed hay. Promulgated 1925; rev. 1927, 1929.
         (See Handbook H.F.S. 540 revised, and Amend. 2.)
  Soybean and soybean mixed hay. Recommended 1928.
          (Mimeographed circular)
Livestock:
  Slaughter cattle. Promulgated 1928.
          (See S.R.A. 112 (Agr. Econ.) and Dept. Bul. 1464)
 Vealers and slaughter calves. Promulgated 1928.
          (See S.R.A. 113 (Agr. Econ.) and Circular 28.)
Meats:
 fresh and Frozen carcass beef. Promulgated 1926.
         (See S.R.A. 98 and 99 (Agr. Econ.) and Dept. Bul. 1246.)
 Calf and veal carcasses. Promulgated 1928.
         (See S.R.A. 114 (Agr. Econ.)
Poultry, dressed. Recommended 1928.
Poultry, live. Recommended 1928.
         (Mimeographed circular )
Rice, Brown. Recommended 1927.
Rice, Milled. Recommended 1918; rev. 1920, 1923, 1927.
Rice, Rough. Recommended 1923; rev. 1927.
          (See Handbook U.S.G.S.A. - G.I. Form No. 179.)
Soybeans. Recommended 1925; rev. 1926.
          (Handbook of U.S. Standards for Soybeans. H.F.S. 899.)
Wool. Diameter of fiber. Promulgated 1923; rev. 1926.
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Wool top. Diameter of fiber. Promulgated 1926. (See S.R.A. 100 (Agr. Econ.)

TENTATIVE STANDARDS

Under U. S. Cotton Standards Act:

Cotton. For preparation of long-staple cotton. Announced 1928. (See S.R.A. 117 (Agr. Econ.)

Used in market news work and educational and demonstration work:

Livestock:

Cattle, feeders and stockers.

(See Dept. Bul. 1464)

Calves, feeders and stockers.

(See Circular 28)

Hogs, slaughter.

(Not yet available for distribution.)

Sheep, slaughter.

Lambs, slaughter.

(Mimeographed circular.)

Standard schedule of market classes and grades of cattle, calves, vealers, hogs, sheep, and lambs.

(See Dept. Bul. 1360.)

<u>Used in services offered under annual appropriation acts; in market news</u> work; basis for contracts by public institutions:

Meats:

Fresh, frozen and cured pork.

(Mimeographed circular.)

Fresh and frozen lamb.

(See Dept. Bul. 1470.)

Fresh and frozen mutton.

(See Dept. Bul. 1470.)

Used under the U. S. Warehouse Act. (See Note on Page 2.)

Canned Foods:

Canned beans, lima. Recommended 1929.

Canned beans, snap or string. Recommended 1929.

Canned beets. Recommended 1929.

Canned corn, cream style. Recommended 1928.

Canned corn, whole grain. Recommended 1928.

Canned peas. Recommended 1928.

Canned pumpkin. Recommended 1929.

Canned spinach. Recommended 1928.

Canned tomatoes. Recommended 1928; rev. 1929.

(Mimeographed circulars)

TENTATIVE STANDARDS (Cont.)

Used as a basis for tobacco grading service. (See also Page 2)

Tobacco:

Flue-cured tobacco of Types 11, 12, 13, and 14. Recommended 1922; rev. 1925.

Fire-cured tobacco of Type 21. Recommended 1923.

Fire-cured tobacco of Types 22 and 23. Recommended 1922: rev. 1926.

Fire-cured tobacco of Type 24. Recommended 1922; rev. 1927.

Burley tobacco of Type 31. Recommended 1926.

Maryland tobacco of Type 32. Recommended 1928.

One-sucker tobacco of Type 35. Recommended 1923; rev. 1927.

Green River Tobacco of Type 36. Recommended 1922; rev. 1925.

Sun-cured tobacco of Type 37. Recommended 1923.

Seedleaf tobacco of Type 41. Recommended 1926.

Gedhardt tobacco of Type 42. Recommended 1923.

Zimmer tobacco of Type 43. Recommended 1923.

Little Dutch tobacco of Type 44. Recommended 1923.

Broadleaf Tobacco of Type 51. Recommended 1923.

Havana Seed tobacco of Type 52. Recommended 1923.

Wisconsin Cigar tobacco of Types 54 and 55. Recommended 1923; rev. 1926.

(Descriptions of these standards for types of tobacco appear in mimeographed circulars.)

United States standard tobacco sizes. Recommended 1926.
(Miscellaneous Circular 83.)

Used in educational work:

Containers: Schedules of specifications for fruit and vegetable crates and boxes in common use.

(Mimeographed circular.)